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**Patent Application**

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Title: Inter-Domain Network Management System For Multi-Layer Networks

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The remarks below are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated September 14, 2004 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

## REMARKS

The present application was filed on March 7, 2000, with claims 1-19, and claims the priority of a provisional application filed July 30, 1999. Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 18 and 19 are the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over M. Mortensen, "Operations Architecture for Data-Centric Converged Telecommunications Networks: Lucent Technologies' Open Operations CORBA Architecture," Lucent Network and Services Management White Paper, pp. 1-10, 1999 (hereinafter "the Mortensen reference"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,289,201 (hereinafter "Weber").